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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A manufacturing method for a frame body that forms a metal frame body, comprising the steps of:

ring rolling a metal material to form a ring-shaped member;

forming a rectangular member by pressing and deforming the ring-shaped member in radial directions[[;]] thereof to form a rectangular member; and

placing die forging the rectangular member in a mold to form a frame body, an pressing and die forging the rectangular member.

- 2. (Currently amended) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 1, wherein when the rectangular member is formed, the <u>an</u> angle of a corner portion that imparts the rectangular shape to the rectangular member is made smaller than the <u>a prescribed</u> angle in the frame body after die forging.
- (Previously presented) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim
  wherein when forming the rectangular member, an insert is disposed inside the ring-shaped
  member.
- 4. (Previously presented) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 2, wherein when forming the rectangular member, an insert is disposed inside the ring-shaped member.
- 5. (Currently amended) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 1, wherein forming the in the step of forming the ring-shaped member, the ring-shaped member is formed so as to have a height of the ring shaped member in the an axial direction at a height that is equivalent to a plurality an integral multiple of a height of the frame body to be formed bodies when

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## forming the ring shaped member, and

the manufacturing method further comprises the step of cutting the rectangular member at a height equivalent to the one frame body after the forming of the rectangular member to be die-forged using this ring shaped member, and die forging these frame bodies separately.

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- 6. (Canceled).
- 7. (Currently amended) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 2, wherein forming the in the step of forming the ring-shaped member, the ring-shaped member is formed so as to have a height of the ring shaped member in the an axial direction at a height that is equivalent to a plurality of an integral multiple of a height of the frame body to be formed bodies when forming the ring shaped member, and

the manufacturing method further comprises the step of cutting the rectangular member at a height equivalent to the one frame body after the forming of the rectangular member using this ring shaped member, and die forging these frame bodies separately to be die-forged.

8. (Currently amended) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 3, wherein forming the in the step of forming the ring-shaped member, the ring-shaped member is formed so as to have a height of the ring shaped member in the an axial direction at a height that is equivalent to a plurality an integral multiple of a height of the frame body to be formed bodies when forming the ring shaped member, and

the manufacturing method further comprises the step of cutting the rectangular member at a height equivalent to the one frame body after the forming of the rectangular member to be die-forged using this ring shaped member, and die forging these frame bodies separately.

9. (Currently amended) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 4, wherein in the step of forming the ring-shaped member, the ring-shaped member is formed so as to have forming the a height of the ring shaped member in the an axial direction at-a height that is equivalent to a plurality an integral multiple of a height of the frame body to be formed bodies when forming the ring shaped member, and

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the manufacturing method further comprises the step of cutting the rectangular member at a height equivalent to the one frame body after the forming of the rectangular member to be die-forged using this ring shaped member, and the forging these frame bodies separately.

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- 10. (New) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 1, wherein by the forming of the rectangular member, a convexity which is convex towards an inside of the rectangular member is formed at a middle of a wall portion of the rectangular member by bending.
- 11. (New) A manufacturing method for a frame body according to claim 2, wherein the corner portion of the rectangular member which is smaller than the prescribed angle is formed into the prescribed angle of the frame body by the die forging.
- 12. (New) A manufacturing method for a frame body that forms a metal frame body, comprising the steps of:

ring rolling a metal material to form a ring-shaped member;

pressing and deforming the ring-shaped member in first and second radial directions thereof, wherein the second radial direction is generally perpendicular to the first radial direction, to form a rectangular member; and

die forging the rectangular member in a mold to form a frame body.

13. (New) A manufacturing method for a frame body that forms a metal frame body, comprising the steps of:

ring rolling a metal material to form a ring-shaped member;

pressing and deforming the ring-shaped member in first radial direction thereof to form a first side, and in a second direction generally perpendicular to the first side, to form a rectangular member; and

die forging the rectangular member in a mold to form a frame body.